

REMARKS

In response to the above Office Action and the rejections of certain claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, the claims have been amended as follows.

The definitions of A and C in claims 1 and 33 have been amended to provide antecedent basis for "said atom" and to be consistent with claims 17 and 18 and claims 42 and 43. In addition, in each of claims 1 and 33, "is substituted with" has been changed to "has," "where" to "when" and "any polar substituents on R¹, R², R³ and R⁴" to "any polar substituents that R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ may have." Similar amendments have also been made to claims 4, 6, 35, and 37. It is believed these amendments should avoid the noted rejections of these claims.

Regarding claims 14 and 39 and the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, the nomenclature of certain members of the Markush Group is not correct as Y is a linking group and therefore is divalent. To correct this, 1,2-ethane, 1,2-propane, 1,2-catechol and dimethylhydrazine have been amended as requested. In addition, because "hydrocarbyl" is a monovalent group, this has been changed to "hydrocarbylene." See attached Exhibits A and B. Since it is clear from the teaching of the specification that Y is a divalent group, it is not believed that these amendments to claims 14 and 39 or the conforming amendments to page 7 of the specification represent the addition of any new matter.

Regarding claims 20 and 44, they have been corrected to be consistent with claims 1 and 33.

Claims 29 and 50 have been amended as requested.

Claims 30 and 51 have been amended to include the word "further." In addition, both of claims 30 and 52 have been amended to delete improper "such as" claims and

new claims 58 and 59 added to cover the subject matter deleted. In claims 58 and 59, "tetrafluoroboric acid etherate" has been changed to "tetrafluoroboric acid diethyl ether complex."

Finally, in response to the provisional rejection of the claims for obviousness-type double patenting, attached is a terminal disclaimer disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application that may extend beyond the expiration date of any patent to be granted on Serial No. 10/539,517.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's helpful advice in overcoming the various rejections in this case.

It is believed that all rejections to the claims have been met and that claims 1-55, 58 and 59 are in condition for allowance.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Reply, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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**EXHIBITS A and B (two pages)
Terminal Disclaimer**

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